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SUBJECT: PESSIMISM CONCERNING PROSPECTS FOR NEW GOVERNMENT

1. AFTERNOON DAILY "THESSALONIKI" OF SEPT 21 CARRIES BANNER HEADLINE "PROBLEMS FACING CERTAIN APPOINTMENT OF MARKEZINIS ...". AMONG MAJOR OBSTACLES FACING NEW GOVERNMENT, IDENTIFIED IN ARTICLE, ARE CONTINUING PRICE INCREASES, DISCONTENT OF FIXED-WAGE EARNERS, AND UNDEMOCRATIC HANDLING OF STUDENT PROBLEMS.
2. INCOMING CABINET MUST DISPEL "DELIBERATELY-CULTIVATED IMPRESSION THAT COUNTRY HAS ENTERED PROCESS OF DEMOCRATIC NORMALIZATION". "CONTINUED POLICE SURVEILLANCE OF POLITICAL FIGURES AND FORMER PRISONERS" IS INDICATION THAT "AUTOCRATIC CHARACTER OF STATE HAS NOT CHANGED".
3. DESPITE "CULTIVATED ATMOSPHERE EUPHORIA", NEW GOVERNMENT NOT LIKELY TO BE ABLE TO CONTROL ECONOMIC AND STUDENT DISCONTENT.
4. ARTICLE CONCLUDES THAT MARKEZINIS APPOINTMENT LIKELY TO BE ANNOUNCED SEPT 24 AND CABINET TO BE FORMED LATER IN WEEK.

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